GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Agreement with NID
Chautala Shri Dushyant

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways had entered into an agreement with the National Institute of Design (NID) to redesign coach interior, pantry car and seating arrangements at platforms and waiting halls;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the assignment handed by the Railways to NID;

(c) whether the Government has fixed time-frame for completion of the said assignment and its implementation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) Yes, Madam.
(b) to (d) Ministry of Railways has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with National Institute of Design (NID) on 10.04.2015 for setting up of a Railway Design Centre at NID, Ahmedabad. It will help Indian Railways in innovative design ideas and best design practices in various fields of rail transport and allied activities.
The work on following assignments have been entrusted to the Railway Design Centre:
(i) Improved ladder arrangements for climbing upper berths in coaches.
(ii) New colour scheme for exteriors of mail/express trains in higher speed segment.
(iii) Improvement to interior of coaches with respect to layout, colour scheme, toilets etc.
(iv) Collapsible seats for EMU coaches.
(v) Uniformity of signages and other passenger amenities across all stations of Indian Railways under Motto 'One India-One Railway'.
NID has submitted certain colour schemes and improved climbing arrangement for coaches and further deliberations & action are in progress.
However, the arrangements under this MOU are intended to be in force for a period of 10 years.
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